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To the Heads of all Departments and Agencies:

I shall henceforth hold responsible the head of each department and agency in the Executive Branch for insuring that U.S. classified security information is made available to foreign nationals only under the following conditions:

- a. On an absolute need-to-know basis.
- b. After determination that the furnishing of such information will result in a net advantage to the interests of the United States.

Except in the case of necessary informal conversations with foreign civilian and military personnel of high rank, appropriate security checks will be made to the extent feasible, with respect to prospective recipients of security information classified "secret" or higher; and

- a. The results of such security checks and the fact of the release of such security information will be made a matter of official record in the files of the department or agency releasing such information.
- b. derogatory information derived from such security checks will be recorded in the files of the security office of the department or agency concerned and will be made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The above conditions shall be considered minimum in character.

I shall expect strict adherence to the spirit and letter of this directive in the interests of national security.

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